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P.S. Please let me know I
can count on you in
this Drive. We need
to know how many will
be working and where?

MEMO...

from MARTHA ROUNTREE

TO: ALL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION MEMBERS

THREAT! Legislation has just been introduced in the U.S. Senate to "decriminalize the use of marijuana." Passage of such a bill can create an even larger market for the pushers of hard drugs. It will also make "Pot Smoking" acceptable and fashionable. It has been estimated that some 85% of all heroin users started out on marijuana. When you smoke marijuana you "don't Care" about anything. It is in this kind of mood that pushers of hard drugs move in to offer bigger kicks.

It takes an average of \$100 a day to support the heroin habit. You have to come up with the money or you don't get the heroin. And, once you start you you have to get it. You can't do without it.

RESULT: You kill, steal or do whatever necessary to get the money. This would certainly step up serious crime in the nation. It also means more young people down the drain. Some thirty-five thousand, under age 18, die each year from hard drugs. Are we going to stand by and let such legislation be passed? We can stop it and WE MUST!

To be effective in this endeavor, as well as the other projects now in the works, such as: our TV CLEANUP campaign, etc., we must bring in every concerned woman in America to help us. We must step up our action.

Will you take the enclosed petition and work to get ten women in your community to sign on the dotted line? We need the \$5 a year dues to cover mailing cost, printing, research, etc., and we need their cooperation. There is power in numbers. There is strength in unity.

The issues enumerated in the enclosed petition are serious issues. They affect every person in the nation. The only way we can bring about change is through our combined efforts. WILL YOU JOIN IN THIS SPRING DRIVE to increase our membership and to raise the funds to do the work?

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MARIJUANA POLL

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| 1. Do you consider marijuana a dangerous drug? | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO OPINION |
| 2. Should the sale of marijuana be legalized? | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO OPINION |
| 3. Do you think the penalties for professional "pushers" should be tougher? | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO OPINION |
| 4. Should the penalty for possession of marijuana be lightened? | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO OPINION |
| 5. Do you believe the regular use of marijuana often leads to the use of hard drugs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO OPINION |

The subject of marijuana is on the front pages now. The New York Times of Sunday, February 13th said, in a front page story, "The National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse has unanimously decided to recommend that all criminal penalties for the private use and possession of marijuana be eliminated." How do you feel about this?

Start circulating the ballots so we have our consensus. We feel the interest will be running so high on this that we may well be deluged. Deluges are expensive! Mail as many ballots in together as you possibly can. Organize on this one. Gifts to the Foundation to defray expenses of this effort are tax-exempt.

SEND BALLOTS --- SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Washington, D.C. 20008

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

You have ~~Approved For Release 2004/10/13 : CIA-RDP88-01315R000300490013-5~~ ordered more ballots in your area.

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HOW DO YOU STAND ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES?

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

[YES] [NO]

Would you like to see Objectionable Television Programs taken off the air?

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Are you against making it easier for young people to obtain and smoke marijuana?

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Would you like to see Prayers restored in the Public Schools?

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Do you resent receiving sexually oriented materials, smut and pornography through the United States Mails?

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Do you wish for the good 'ole days' when it was relatively safe to go out in the evenings, to walk down the street after dark?

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Would you like to find a way to drastically reduce crime?

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Would you like to be able to obtain a quick rundown (with pros and cons) on urgent legislation at the time it is first proposed instead of after it has been passed, thus: making it possible for you to register your complaints before and not after the fact?

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Are you concerned in any way about the caliber of education offered children today?

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Would you like to see more power in the hands of the States and local Government as opposed to more federal controls?

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Do you think the idea of millions of women who **represent** a concern for improving the state of our Nation and - working together enmasse - all tackling the same projects at the same time could help restore the moral standards? AND, Would you work and cooperate on such a program?

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We have a plan of action, now in operation, which can deal with all of the above issues. Our programs are based on careful study and research of all existing laws. As a result we have set up simplified guidelines which can deal with these problems.

We also have millions of concerned women throughout the United States working at this very time, recruiting their friends, neighbors and Club or Church members to join and work with us. Our goal is FORTY MILLION women - determined women with one objective - that is: getting this Nation back on the track and, making it a better place in which to live.

PLEASE! If you feel the unbelievable Moral Breakdown in the United States is becoming intolerable, JOIN WITH US! We NEED YOUR HELP! For less than 10¢ a week we will send you all the materials, guidelines and information needed to be a part of this growing Army of Women on the Move for Good! (All dues and contributions are tax-deductible.)

Sign your Name : -
Address: -

BULLETIN

APRIL, 1973

NUMBER 1-D

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

STATES THAT RATIFIED EQUAL EIGHTS AMENDMENT
ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS

NEBRASKA VOTED TO RESCIND THEIR RATIFICATION
OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT-VOTE 35 - 17.

Notice of withdrawal has been sent to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States. In voting to rescind their original ratification of the amendment, they stated that they "hoped this would be an example to other States."

CALIFORNIA HAS VOTED TO RESCIND THE E. R. A.

PENNSYLVANIA HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION,
JOINT RES. #51 TO RESCIND THE E. R. A.

TENNESSEE is currently waging a State drive to get petitions signed and sent to State Legislatures demanding that they rescind their ratification of E. R. A.

WHETHER A VOTE TO RESCIND THE RATIFICATION OF
E. R. A. WILL HOLD UP IN THE HIGH COURT IS
ANYONE'S GUESS.

THERE IS AN OLD PRECEPT: "IGNORANCE OF THE
LAW IS NO EXCUSE".

One thing is certain: those States that ratified the amendment are learning that the Equal Rights Amendment is something quite different from the image that has been portrayed by those who lobbied to get it passed. They are learning that it is not as M. Stanton Evans wrote recently: "a benign adjustment removing a regulation here and a discrimination over there...but a radical leap into the legal darkness."

The Equal Rights Amendment would abolish or alter hundreds of laws in the United States concerning military service, criminal, sexual conduct, relations within the family, child support, alimony, and countless other matters where issues at stake are not discrimination, but valid distinction between the sexes based on centuries of civilized customs and mores. It is a perfect example of Jacobin abstraction cutting through the fabric of precedent and experience, with little or no concern for the probable consequences.

STATE LEGISLATORS ABDICATE THEIR POWER

Those States where the E. R. A. has been ratified are now struggling in their State Legislatures to make their laws conform to the National Law. The United States Congress is empowered to enact legislation to which all States must conform.

IN MARYLAND, for example, they have been wrestling for weeks with the problem of passing some 90 odd enabling laws that will conform; which proposed laws have the women in that State up in arms. Even some of those who lobbied for the passage of the bill are now claiming, "But, that's not what we meant".

IMPLEMENTATION OF E. R. A. IN MARYLAND

The following are some of the pieces of proposed legislation to implement Maryland's ratification of the E. R. A."

S.B. 287 This bill provides that all able-bodied citizens shall constitute the militia, and deletes the word "male". Such able-bodied persons "shall be available for military duty in case of war, insurrection, invasion or imminent danger thereof". There are exemptions listed, but NONE for pregnant women or mothers of small children.

S.B. 293 This bill provides that any woman could be charged for non-support and desertion of her spouse and children.

S.B. 294 Provides that payments to prisoners may be paid over to the spouse or to minor children.

S.B. 304 Eliminates the distinction based upon the sex of the offender in determining the correctional institution to which a particular offender may be assigned. This bill makes prisons co-educational, with no provisions outlined for privacy of either sex.

S.B. 327 Eliminates all references that are sexually discriminatory for Juvenile Training Schools.

S.B. 343 Would make wives subject to alimony payments.

S.B. 353 Would make it a misdemeanor for any person to desert or neglect to provide for the support and maintenance of the spouse. Spouse means either sex. There is no differentiation.

S.B. 355 Would make husbands and wives responsible for each other's debts.

S.B. 357 Would allow a female mental patient to be transported to or from any facility accompanied by "a person". Person can mean man or woman. The law currently requires a female to accompany a female patient.

S.B. 396 This is a Constitutional Amendment which would remove the protection of a wife's property from the debts of her husband.

S.B. 397 Would make jails co-educational in charter counties. No provision for privacy.

S.B. 457 Would authorize the employment upon public roads and bridges as a convict road force all able-bodied inmates who are, in the judgment of the Roads Board, "physically able to perform such work". No criteria for determining what is "physically able" is set forth. This would apply to women convicts as well as men. The sex of the person has been deleted.

S.B. 282 Would eliminate a distinction between male and female risks in calculating net premiums and present values of life insurance policies. The law currently allows premium rates for a woman to be calculated as if she were actually three years younger. THIS BILL HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED IN THE MARYLAND SENATE.

The above are just a few of the 90 odd bills which have been presented in the Maryland Legislature in order to conform with what is expected to be a National Law as soon as E.R.A. passes.

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TV AND RADIO ARE CLEANING UP THEIR PROGRAMINGEFFECT OF E.R.A. IN MARYLAND

There are those who argue, "Hell, of course, I don't think they would let that happen". Recently a United States Senator made just such a remark on a National Television Program. He couldn't be sure, of course. The law, if ratified, is specific. **THERE WILL BE NO DIFFERENCE IN THE SEX OF A PERSON.** This means just what it says. And, the Congress of the United States will be ordered, according to the reading of the Amendment, to see to it that it is enforced. Any time a man challenges the law to see that a woman does not get any special consideration, the Courts will have to side with him. The law says so, because it says: "There shall be no difference in sex".

Now, to those women who are basking in the sunshine on cruise ships, in Florida and other resort places - just remember that if the **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT** becomes the Law of the Land and your husband dies first, you will not even get 1/3 tax exemption on your inheritance.

And, to those women who never worked, and whose husband is now on Social Security or soon will be eligible for Social Security - the extra check your husband will get for you will no longer be forthcoming. He gets what he worked for. You get what you worked for. If you never worked, you get nothing.

UNLESS THIRTEEN STATES DEFEAT THIS AMENDMENT IT WILL BECOME THE LAW OF THE LAND. The Women's Liberation Movement has been making great strides. If you don't want your State to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, there is only one thing you can do to stop it: **LET YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS KNOW YOU ARE AGAINST IT. TELL THEM YOU WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT THEM IF THEY VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT -- AND MEAN IT!**

MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU FOR SENDING IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. As you know, it is impossible to work without funds. Unless we receive contributions from our members, the great services we are working to perform may be cut short. The result: disastrous legislation could be passed because we were not able to get the word to you and our members in time.

We have been unable to conquer cancer, so we are forced to live with it - but the cancer that is eating into our society can be arrested. It can, and it will be arrested, if we join together to give of ourselves, our efforts, and our money. These are the only things we have to offer that will save our Nation - the free and wonderful Country we inherited - for our children and our grandchildren.

REMEMBER: Every dime donated to LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION is tax-exempt. Every dime is used only to keep us informed when the need is great. We are here to work for you - help us keep on the job!

TV CLEAN UP REPORT

Our Baltimore members are so pleased to report that one of the most promiscuous radio talk shows is now off the air in their city. The Bill Ballance Show was aired Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Station WHTH (AM). Women listeners would call in their sexual problems which were explicitly discussed. Mr. Gordon K. Faulkner, Vice President and General Manager of WHTH, after reviewing the programing under tremendous pressure from his listeners who had registered their protests with the local station, removed the program permanently. He wants to hear your comments on his move. Please write Mr. Gordon K. Faulkner
WHTH - AM AND FM
7 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, Md. 21202

Also, in Memphis, Tennessee, the "Feminine Forum", another controversial program, has been taken off the air. Public reaction with the right guidelines did the trick. Lipton Company and Norelco have withdrawn their sponsorship of the television show, "Maude".

KEEP THOSE TV FORMS COMING IN, AND BE SURE THAT THEY ARE SENT TO THE LICENSEE OF THE LOCAL STATION AND LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION, INC. SO THAT THEY IN TURN WILL BE FILED WITH THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

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TV CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED DECEMBER 6TH BY LEADERSHIP HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

Thousands of Church groups, organizations, clubs, and civic groups as well as women's clubs have set up monitoring committees throughout the Nation and the results are beginning to demonstrate the effectiveness of women working together. Already many stations have announced the cancellation of programs which were objectionable and sexually oriented. However, this is just the start. This campaign must go on, grow bigger and bigger, and we must all persevere until radio and television becomes the powerful and constructive force it can and should be.

THEREFORE, it is important that we all commend those programs which are good. That is the only way to keep good programs on the air. A station manager is not a mind reader.

WRITE THE SPONSORS. A Directory giving names, addresses, and zip code numbers of all sponsors and executives in charge of television and radio programs is now available from LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION for only \$3.00. This Directory is so easy to use; you just flip the pages alphabetically and all the information is right there. It will take only a few minutes of your time to address the envelope and fill in the form.